

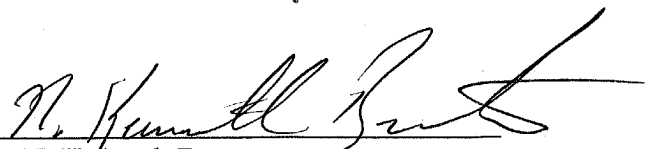
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled (claims 2-46 are cancelled in the Utility Patent Application Transmittal paper submitted herewith), and claims 47-71 have been newly added. Claims 47-71 are now pending in the application. At least Figure 4B and its accompanying text support the new claims. In addition, the specification has been amended to delete certain claims of priority. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested, and an early notice of allowance is solicited.

In the Utility Patent Application Transmittal paper submitted herewith, Applicants have authorized payment of fees for the filing of the new continuation application. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P64D1-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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